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SUBJECT: Departure Letter to Members of Congress
from the Outgoing Nicaraguan Ambassador

The attached letter to Congressman Bill Broomfield (R., MI) was forwarded to me by Ev Bierman of HFAC Minority Staff. The letter is a last ditch lobbying effort on the Hill by the outgoing Nicaraguan Ambassador Antonio Jarquin. Paragraph 2 clearly shows the priority the Ambassador places on the lobbying Congress.

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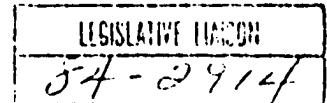
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EMBAJADA DE NICARAGUA
1627 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009



August 5, 1984.

Dear Representative Broomfield:

I have the honor to inform you that I will be leaving the United States on the 12th of August, having completed my tour of duty as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Nicaragua to the Government of the United States of America. My successor will be Dr. Carlos Tunnerman Bernheim, former Minister of Education of Nicaragua.

During my tour of duty in this country, I have tried to communicate with the Congress and Senate of the United States as well as with the American people. There have been moments of profound satisfaction, highlighted by the efforts to achieve peace undertaken by important members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Their initiatives played a major role in the votes of the House of Representatives to deny the funds requested by the Administration for the counter-revolutionary forces that carry pain, death and mourning to my country.

There have also been moments of disillusionment as I observed that there still exist representatives, both in the Senate and the Congress, who insist on promoting an illegal and inhuman war against Nicaragua. This war has resulted in more than 7,000 dead, great physical damage and greater suffering to the poorest classes of my country. This suffering and destruction is the sole responsibility of the present Administration of the United States and those who support a policy that today is dividing the hemisphere.

There is no moral, political or human justification to continue to carry death, pain and misery to our people in the name of God, democracy and the interest of the United States as is usually argued by the Administration. Neither can this policy be justified with slogans or propaganda campaigns.

The Honorable
William Broomfield
United States Congress
Washington, D.C.

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Today, the responsibility to stop the blood bath and to prevent a conflict of greater proportions in which the people of the United States will share the suffering, depends not on the Government of Nicaragua which on numerous occasions has very responsibly demonstrated its disposition to seek a political solution. A disposition that has been mistakenly represented by the Administration of the United States as proof that its aggressive policy of terror and death is working.

On the contrary, if there is anything that angers and unites a people, it is injustice. If there is anything that transforms a people into a moral force, it is the conviction that they are fighting for and defending their right to survive as a people and as a nation. This is why it is necessary that we avoid confrontations between military powers and moral powers, because the consequences of such a confrontation defy conventional logic.

The people and Government of Nicaragua are prepared to be a part of a framework of respectful coexistence and political resolution of the problems of Central America. We have proposed this in different international forums and we have also presented proof of our disposition. This is a fact that the Administration has distorted and tries to deny.

We are prepared to make every effort to achieve peace, but not if the price is to become slaves or disappear as a nation.

We shall not sacrifice our principles or our rights in order to achieve the peace of cemeteries or a life without dignity.

Our national sovereignty, non-intervention in our internal affairs, are rights that were won by the people of Nicaragua and will be defended whatever the price. I do not believe that these principles are in contradiction with the security of the United States. Because if this last concept is understood and implemented in such a way that it precludes the rights of our nations to exist as such, then the inevitable future will be one of confrontation between the United States and her neighbors south of the Rio Bravo, an historical perspective that should not be passed on to future generations.

As I bid you farewell, I should like to let you know that I will continue to work for a just understanding between our countries and with the conviction that a military confrontation must never take place in this hemisphere, because of the negative consequences for all the parties involved.

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At the same time, I wish to reiterate my deepest gratitude to all the distinguished Legislators whose struggle for peace is seen and appreciated by my country and all people who love peace.

Finally, I should like to request that you cooperate with my successor in the effort to convince those who are promoting war that such a road will only lead our two countries to pain and death, an eventuality that can be avoided if the Administration of the United States, as has my country, commits itself to real and sincere negotiations within the framework of international law and peaceful resolution of the conflict that exists between our two countries and in Central America.

Sincerely yours,


Antonio Jarquin
Ambassador

